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SUBJECT: REPORTED AHAM ARTICLE HINTING AT NEW DIPLOMATIC
FLEXIBILITY

1. WE HAVE NOTED WEST GERMAN (DPA) NEWS ITEM DATED JUNE 17
FROM CAIRO DETECTING " HINTS OF NEW FLEXIBILITY" ON EGYPTIAN
CONDITIONS FOR ARAB/ ISRAELI SETTLEMENT. DPA CITES AHAM
PIECE BY MOHAMMAD SAYYED AHMAD AS SAYING ARABS MAY BE WILL-
ING TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL IF JEWISH STATE
UNVEILS BEFORE UN SECURITY COUNCIL ITS MAP FOR SECURE AND
RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES AND THE WORLD COMMUNITY FINDS THIS
MAP CONVINCING. AHAM ALSO SAID TO HAVE CONCEDED FOR FIRST
TIME THAT ARAB AND ISRAELI INSISTENCE ON EXTREME POSITIONS,
TOGETHER WITH AMBIGUITY OF 1967 SC RESOLUTION ON WITHDRAWAL
ISSUE, POSED INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLE TO MIDEAST PEACE.
THEREFORE, AHAM REPORTEDLY CONCLES, BALANCE IS ESSEN-
TIAL BETWEEN PRINCIPLES OF INADMISSIBILITY OF ACQUISITION
OF TERRITORY BY FORCE AND ISRAEL' S STIPULATED WITHDRAWAL TO
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SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES. DPA ADDS THAT OBSERVERS
IN CAIRO REGARD ARTICLE AS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT ONE SUGGEST-
ING THAT HINTS OF FLEXIBILITY MADE AT UN BY ZAYYAT " NOT
MERE JUGGLING OF WORDS."

2. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING FULLER FLAVOR OF
REPORTED AHRAH ARTICLE, PLUS USINT' S COMMENTS AS TO ITS
SIGNIFICANCE AND AUTHORITATIVENESS. ROGERS

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